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NOTE VERBALE DATED 1 FEBRUARY 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 781 (1992), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on military flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 28 and 31 January 1993, there appear to have been four flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 781 (1992) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 3 of that resolution. In addition, there were two more flights falling within the reporting period of 26 and 27 January. Details as to the time and the itinerary of these flights are attached as annexes I and II to the present note verbale.

All confirmed violations were immediately protested by UNPROFOR to the party concerned.

ANNEX I

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(28-31 January 1993)

SRL	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
	28 January: No violations reported.				
398	29 January	1217	1232	AWACS reported an aircraft, probably a helicopter, 8 nautical miles south-west of Banja Luka and heading in the direction of the city. Radar contact was lost at Banja Luka where the aircraft is believed to have landed. The AWACS track has been correlated with the return of a CASEVAC mission from Knin to Banja Luka which had been approved by UNPROFOR. The CASEVAC mission landed, however, at the Banja Luka Military Academy prior to return to Zaluzani airfield. Upon landing at Zaluzani, 5 unarmed soldiers and 1 women were observed departing the aircraft. The passengers were not casualties and the aircraft did not land at any hospitals. The flight is therefore in violation of the "No Fly Zone".	North-east 130 knots Low
	30 January: No violations reported.				

SRL	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
399	31 January	1100	1110	AWACS reported an aircraft, probably a helicopter, in the vicinity of Gornja Vroica along the south-east border of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The aircraft was tracked for 10 minutes, heading south before radar contact was lost.	South 100 knots 6,000 feet
400	31 January	1108	1153	A CASEVAC flight from Zaluzani to Doboj was approved for a two-hour round trip. United Nations military observers (UNMOs) were notified, three hours after departure, that the aircraft would not return owing to technical reasons. No further details were provided.	East 110 knots 300 feet
401	31 January	1200	1300	UNMOs in Bihac reported a flight of three Gazelle helicopters with side-mounted weapons heading in a northerly direction along the Bosnian side of the Una river. AWACS also reported an 8-nautical-mile track north-west of Prijedor, heading south-west. The track remained parallel to the Una river for 6 nautical miles, heading east. The Monitoring Coordination and Control Centre (MCCC) assesses both reports to be the same flight of helicopters flying a circuit along the Una river.	North to south-west 100 knots Low

ANNEX II

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(Addition to 26-27 January 1993)

SRL	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
402	26 January	1215	1220	UNMOs reported a 5-minute air test flown by an MI-8 military helicopter at Zaluzani.	Manoeuvring Slow 650 feet
403	27 January	1315	1550	An MI-8 helicopter, assigned to a CASEVAC mission, was inspected by UNMOs prior to departure from Zaluzani. The destination was not announced before take-off, but was later revealed as Knin. Post-flight inspection was not permitted.	South Slow 300 feet